

may be done with such regular **[Town]** *City* employees and such **[Town]** *City* equipment.

New Carrollton Charter Amendment No. 71-6

An amendment to the Charter of the City of New Carrollton, Prince George's County, Maryland, deleting Section 15 entitled "Streets and Sidewalks/Borrowing Authority" relating to street improvements, authority to borrow for and levy assessments for same, limiting the interest rate for said borrowing to 6%; deleting Section 16, entitled "Same: Benefit Assessments"; adding a new Section 15 entitled "Benefit Assessments," to limit the City's authority to levy special assessments to those cases in which the Council obtains written approval of the owners of more than 50% of the property abutting a proposed assessable improvement; and clarifying the authority and procedures for levying benefit assessments.

[SECTION 15. STREETS AND SIDEWALKS/BORROWING AUTHORITY]

[(a.) Improvements; approval. The Mayor and Council of New Carrollton, a municipal corporation, is hereby empowered and authorized to construct roadbeds, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and street improvements, including the surfacing or paving of any alley, or any or all, in the City of New Carrollton, Maryland, in such cases as it may determine the same to be necessary for the public benefit, and for the benefit of the abutting land and of the owners of the said abutting land, provided that before any permanent street, sidewalk and/or curb improvement shall be made under the provisions of this section, the Mayor and Council shall obtain from more than fifty per centum of the property owners of record abutting upon said street, sidewalk, alley, and/or curb their written approval of said permanent improvement and/or improvements. **]**

[(b.) Notification. When the Mayor and Council of New Carrollton shall have determined to make roadbed, sidewalk, alley, curb, gutter and street improvements, or all or any, in any street or alley in said Town, it shall thereupon notify, as far as practicable, each owner of land abutting upon said street, proposed to be improved, by depositing said notice in the United States Post Office, addressed to such owner's last known address, setting forth that on a certain day to be named therein, which day shall be not less than one week after the mailing of said notices, that the Mayor and Council of New Carrollton will meet to consider the kind and character of roadbed, sidewalk, curb, gutter and street improvements or all or any, to be laid, and notifying said owner to appear at said meeting, and express his or her views on the question, if he or she so desires; that at said meeting the Mayor and Council of New Carrollton shall hear any suggestions of said owners and immediately thereafter, or within a reasonable number of days, shall determine the character and kind of work to be done, which determination shall be final and conclusive. **]**

[(c.) *Borrowing power.* To effectuate the improvements that are provided for in this section, the Mayor and Council of the City of New Carrollton are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from time to time on the credit of the Town, a sum or sums of money not to exceed at any time, an amount equal to five (5%) per centum of the assessed valuation of all real property within said Town, and to issue, renew, or re-issue notes, bonds, or certificates of indebtedness therefor, which shall be payable within not to exceed ten years from the date of issuance, with interest not to exceed the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semi-